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William Barnes assumed the role of IDOT's Chief Counsel in 2015, having served in a similar fashion for several State agencies, including the Department of Corrections. Mr. Barnes served as General Counsel and Ethics Officer for three state agencies including IDOT. Having received undergraduate and law degrees from Northwestern University, Mr. Barnes practiced at a large Chicago-based firm where he focused on complex litigation and regulatory compliance. Mr. Barnes is excited to work within IDOT and with outside stakeholders to improve Illinois infrastructure.